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Transmitted herewith is a [XX] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT in the above-identified application.

[XX] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been claimed

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS		
TOTAL	* 15	MINUS	** 20	0		
INDEP.	* 4	MINUS	*** 4	0		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						

_	SWALL ENTITY				
		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		
	х	9	\$		
	×	42	\$		
	+	135	\$		
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		FEE TOTAL	\$		

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE ADDITIONAL FEE 18 \$ \$ 270 \$ TOTAL \$

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

	Small Entity	Other Th	Other Than Small Entity			
	Response Filed Within	Respons	se Filed Within			
	[] First - \$ 55:00	[]	First - \$ 110.00			
	[] Second - \$ 200.00	[]	Second - \$ 400.00			
	[] Third - \$ 460.00	[]	Third - \$ 920.00			
	[] Fourth - \$ 720.00	[]	Fourth - \$ 1440.00			
	Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period		fter Time Period Set			
	[] Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of ti	me on				
[]	Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$	·				
[]	Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$					
[]	A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).					
[XX]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any add					

ection with this application or credit any This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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